

1-1 By: Gonzales of Williamson, et al. H.B. No. 273
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Campbell)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
1-4 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-5 Affairs; May 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Hughes	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Schwertner	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the content of local and state propositions on the
1-21 ballot.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 52.095, Election Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a) Except as otherwise
1-26 provided by law, the authority ordering an election in which more
1-27 than one measure is to be voted on shall determine the order in
1-28 which the propositions are to appear on the ballot and identify them
1-29 as follows:

1-30 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), for each
1-31 proposition on the ballot, the authority ordering the election
1-32 shall assign a letter of the alphabet to the measure that
1-33 corresponds to its order on the ballot; and

1-34 (2) for each proposition on the ballot to be voted on
1-35 statewide, the authority ordering the election shall assign a
1-36 number to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot.

1-37 (b) Each proposition on the ballot must identify the name of
1-38 the authority ordering the election on the measure.

1-39 (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
1-40 necessary to implement this section.

1-41 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 274, Election Code, is
1-42 amended by adding Section 274.004 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 274.004. PROPOSITION BALLOT ORDER. A proposed
1-44 constitutional amendment must be placed on the ballot before all
1-45 other propositions.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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